



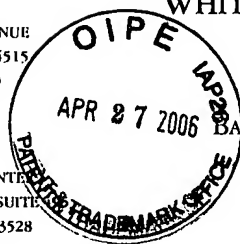
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**Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/562,491 of Hans-Jürgen HANNIG for
his "Panel Comprising a Locking System"; Filed: December 28, 2005
Our Docket No.: 009646/00004.9**

Honorable Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application please find the following:

1. Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b) and form PTO-1449 listing six (6) references plus a copy of each reference.
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No fee is considered necessary for filing such Information Disclosure Statement before the first office action on the present application. Please charge any unanticipated fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.: 50-1479 (a duplicate copy of this charge authorization is attached).

Sincerely,

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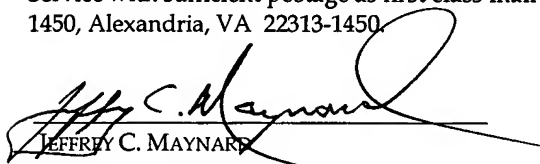
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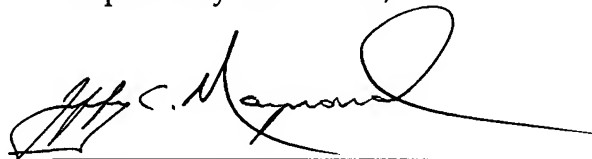
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The above references were cited by the German Patent Office in the examination of the German priority application and were cited by the European Patent Office in the parallel PCT application. The references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449 for the convenience of the Examiner. Regarding the foreign language reference listed on the enclosed PTO-1449, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), Applicant notes that the references are provided as exemplary of laminated floor panel structures. Applicant has identified on the enclosed PTO-1449 the drawing figures that are particularly reflective of such laminated structures.

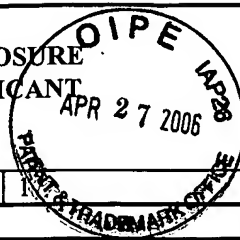
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information submitted herein and to return an initialized copy of the Information Disclosure Statement Form PTO-1449 to Applicant's undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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